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2 **BEFORE THE NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION**
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In the Matter of the Commission, on its Own)
Motion, to Conduct an Investigation into) Application No. C-3049
Possible Solutions for Extending the Life of)
Area Codes 308 and 402)

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5 **DIRECT TESTIMONY OF DAN DAVIS**
6 **ON BEHALF OF THE RURAL INDEPENDENT COMPANIES**
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9 **Introduction**
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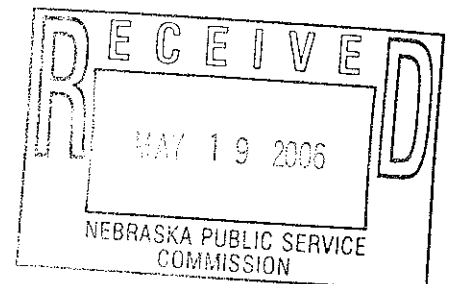
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12 Q. Please state your name, employer, business address and telephone
13 number.
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15 A. My name is Dan Davis. I am employed with TELEC Consulting Resources, Inc.
16 My business address is 233 South 13th Street, Suite 1225, Lincoln, Nebraska,
17 68508.

18 Q. On whose behalf are you testifying?
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20 A. I am testifying on behalf of the Rural Independent Companies who have
21 exchanges located within the 402 area code. The companies will be referred to in
22 testimony as "RIC-402." These entities are:

23 Arlington Telephone Company,
24 The Blair Telephone Company,
25 Clarks Telecommunications Co.,
26 Eastern Nebraska Telephone Company,
27 Great Plains Communications, Inc.,
28 The Hamilton Telephone Company,
29 Hartington Telecommunications Co., Inc.,
30 K&M Telephone Company, Inc.,
31 Northeast Nebraska Telephone Company,
32 Rock County Telephone Company,
33 Stanton Telecom Inc., and
34 Three River Telco



1 Each company in RIC-402 provides local telephone exchange service and
2 exchange access services in rural areas of Nebraska in the 402 area code and is
3 engaged in the provision of general telecommunications services in the State of
4 Nebraska subject to the jurisdiction of this Commission.

5 Q. **What is your current position?**

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7 A. I am a senior consultant at TELEC Consulting Resources, Inc., which provides
8 financial, operational and regulatory support to rural telecommunications
9 providers.

10 Q. **What was your professional experience prior to your current position?**

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12 A. I have worked in the telecommunications industry for more than 20 years, the last
13 five years of which have been in my current position. Prior to my position with
14 TELEC, I worked at Aliant Communications (later merged with ALLTEL) as the
15 Regulatory/Financial manager of its Nebraska CLEC operation. Prior to that, I
16 worked for Aliant Communications in the areas of Regulatory Policy and
17 Separations and Access.

18 Q. **What is your educational background?**

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20 A. I have a Master's degree in Finance and a Bachelor's degree in Business from the
21 University of Nebraska.

22 Q. **What is the purpose of your testimony?**

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24 A. The purpose of my testimony is to provide information in response to the Hearing
25 Officer's order dated May 10, 2006, in this docket entitled Progression Order #1.

26 Q. **What information do you have in response to the feasibility of the RIC-402**
27 **companies' ability to implement number pooling by November 1, 2006, as**
28 **outlined in the Hearing Officer Order dated May 10, 2006?**
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1 A. I currently believe that the following companies in the RIC-402 group could
2 implement thousands-block number pooling by this time:

3 Arlington Telephone Company,
4 The Blair Telephone Company,
5 Clarks Telecommunications Co.,
6 Eastern Nebraska Telephone Company,
7 The Hamilton Telephone Company,
8 Hartington Telecommunications Co., Inc.,
9 K&M Telephone Company, Inc.,
10 Rock County Telephone Company,
11 Stanton Telecom Inc., and
12 Three River Telco
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14 The rate centers where thousands-block number pooling will be implemented by
15 November 1, 2006, are listed in Attachment A.

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17 **Q. Can these companies also follow the milestone schedule set in the Hearing**
18 **Officer Order of May 10, 2006?**

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20 A. Yes.

21 **Q. What is the situation with Northeast Nebraska Telephone Company and**
22 **Great Plains Communications, Inc.?**
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24 A. Northeast Nebraska Telephone Company ("Northeast") and Great Plains
25 Communications, Inc. ("Great Plains") are currently replacing their switching
26 platforms. These switch replacements will not be completed in time for the
27 implementation of number pooling by November 1, 2006. Attached to this
28 testimony as Confidential Attachment B and Confidential Attachment C are the
29 requested implementation schedules for number pooling by Northeast and Great
30 Plains, respectively. Northeast and Great Plains request that these schedules be
31 approved by the Commission and included, on a confidential basis, in any
32 implementation order from the Commission.

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2 Q. **Does This Conclude Your Testimony?**

3 A. Yes it does.

Attachment A

Arlington Telephone Company

TBNP Implemented

The Blair Telephone Company

TBNP Implemented

Clarks Telecommunications Co.

1. Staplehurst
2. Ulysses

Eastern Nebraska Telephone Company

1. Belden
2. Carroll
3. Macy
4. Meadow Grove
5. Osmond
6. Rosalie
7. Walthill
8. Winnebago

The Hamilton Telephone Company

1. Aurora
2. Doniphan
3. Giltner
4. Hampton
5. Hordville
6. Marquette
7. Phillips
8. Stockham
9. Trumbull

Hartington Telecommunications Co., Inc.

1. Hartington

K&M Telephone Company, Inc.

1. Chambers
2. Inman

Rock County Telephone Company

1. Bassett
2. Newport

Stanton Telecom Inc.

1. Stanton

Three River Telco

1. Johnstown
2. Lynch
3. Naper
4. Springview
5. Verdel